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AMENDMENT

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated October 04, 2004, please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method of exchanging first points held by a customer for second points, the first points that are issued by a first point issuer differing from the second points that are issued by a second point issuer, said point exchange method is implemented by a computer programmed to effect the following comprising the steps of:

- (a) permitting the customer to set a first number of first points to be exchanged;
- (b) permitting the first and second point issuers to set the point withdrawal and deposit rates of their first and second points respectively;